

June 21, 2000

TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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M I N U T E S

Attendees:	Dr. Judith Brill	Dr. Babatunde Jinadu	Dr. David Hoyt
	Dr. Tim Sturgill	Mr. Leonard Inch	Dr. Ramon Johnson
	Ms. Virginia Hastings	Mr. Larry Karsteadt	Ms. Barbara Duffy
	Mr. Richard Watson	Ms. Michele Handewith	Ms. Maureen McNeil
	Ms. Bonnie Sinz	Ms. Donna Nicolaus	
Absent:	Mr. Blair Sadler	Dr. Jay Goldman	Dr. Angelo Salvucci

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 24, 2000 minutes were approved as submitted.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA EMS AGENCY REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION (Level III Trauma Center Requirement)

After review of the information presented and considerable discussion, Northern California EMS Agency's request for exception for Oroville Hospital was denied 8-1. The group determined that the information presented did not provide evidence of need for an exception and that the request was premature since the trauma plan, which is the first step in the process, had not been completed.

It was, however, unanimously agreed that the request be re-addressed by the committee after the trauma plan and subsequent verification process were completed. It was felt that the information gathered by the verification committee would validate all of the hospital's trauma resources and provide a clear and objective view of the need for an exception. It was further recommended that an outside verification committee be used to verify any hospital requesting an exception.

The Trauma Advisory Committee recognized the potential need for an exception in unusual situations and determined that exceptions could be considered case-by-case based on need and the information provided by the verification process. This recommendation will be forwarded by the EMS Authority to the EMS Commission for approval.

AB 2758 (AANESTAD)

The committee voiced concern regarding AB 2758 which would modify the trauma regulations.

STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM

The group discussed components and establishment of a statewide trauma system. It was agreed that:

- ' There needs to be a statewide trauma system.
- ' The trauma system needs to be mandatory.
- ' State oversight should be a function of the EMS Authority.

The discussion also included:

- Adequate legislative authority for the ongoing oversight of trauma systems.
- Minimum standard for all hospitals for trauma system participation.
- Ways to ensure participation in trauma systems including legislation and funding.
- Need for a statewide trauma registry.
- Trauma call panel issues.
- Revision of hospital licensing regulations to ensure hospital participation.
- Identification of obstacles for establishment of trauma system through county interviews.
- Ideas from other states with regard to statewide trauma systems.

The group requested that a facilitator be employed for the next meeting because of the number and complexity of issues related to establishing a statewide trauma system. The EMS Authority will try to accommodate the request.

NEXT MEETING

The target date for the next meeting is August. Members will be contacted to schedule the next meeting date.